# *Executive Proclamation*
## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, Nearly 100 years ago, Henry Ford came up with an idea to make a better world by providing affordable personal mobility for everyone; and,

***Whereas***, Through years of prosperity and hardship, through war and peace, Ford Motor Company grew from one man, a small garage, and his quadricycle, to a might American force contributing to international, economic stability; and,

***Whereas***, Ford Motor Company is the world's largest producer of trucks and the second largest producer of cars and trucks combined, and sells more than 80 different vehicles worldwide, marketed under the Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Jaguar, Aston Martin, Volvo Car, Land Rover and Mazda brands; and,

***Whereas***, Ford Motor Company, whose world headquarters is located in Dearborn, Michigan, has strong financial resources, excellent people, outstanding products and services, a compelling vision and enduring values; and,

***Whereas***, Ford Motor Company has 350,000 employees operating in more than 200 markets on 6 continents; and,

***Whereas***, Ford Motor Company will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on June 16, 2003:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 16, 2003, as

## *FORD MOTOR COMPANY DAY*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State